The Flood Gates Are About to Open

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With Streams of LIVING Water

Does anyone here think that something's coming?

How many of you are hungry for more, to walk in what God's will is for you?

Let me show you what that "something" is"

Jesus listened to His Father and did only what His Father told Him: **John 5:19:** "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

Isaiah 11:2: "The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him"

Isaiah 42:1: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my **Spirit** on him, and he will bring justice to the nations."

Isaiah 61:1: The **Spirit** of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor."

Luke 4:21: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

God has given you a Spirit of Power

God has supernaturally endowed **every** believer with His awesome power by the Holy Spirit that dwells in each of us.

Power for What?

The reason **WHY** God has given us power so that **WE** can walk in the power and victory that we have in Christ! This does **NOT** mean that the Holy Ghost gives us the power to 'grin and bear' whatever the world or the enemy throws at us nor does it mean that we are supernaturally empowered to just suffer along until Jesus comes.

Acts 10:38: "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit and power**, and how He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

The above verses show that the Holy Spirit, (the Spirit of God) was upon Jesus.

We now have the same Holy Spirit living inside of us:

2 Timothy 1:14: Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you - guard it with the help of the **Holy Spirit who lives in us**."

Romans 5:5: "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, *whom he has given us*."

John 14:26: "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

John 16: 13-15: But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

What is this power that comes on us from the Holy Spirit?

Power: **2 Timothy 1:7**: "For God did not give us the spirit of fear; but of power, and love and of a sound mind."

We have been given supernatural power through the Holy Spirit because we are born again believers in Jesus.

Power for What? To walk in victory!

Romans 8:37: Nay, in all these things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through him that loved us."

2 Corinthians 2:14: "Now thanks be unto God, which **ALWAYS** causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus"

1 John 5:4: :For whatsoever is born of God **OVERCOMES THE WORLD**: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."

According the above scriptures, **WE** (you and I) have been given the power to overcome **EVERY** sickness and disease, **EVERY** form of lack, and anything else that comes against us!

As Paul said, we are not supposed to just have a bunch of words and fine arguments that are designed to convince people of the truth. We are supposed to be able to present the **Gospel in Word and Power!**

- 1 Corinthians 2:4-5: And my speech and my preaching was NOT with enticing word of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."
- 1 Thessalonians 1:5: "For our gospel came **not** unto you in word only, but also **in power, and in the Holy Ghost...**"

God has promised us that not only would we have His Holy Spirit living **in** us, but that He would show wonders and do mighty miracles **thru** us by the power of the Holy Ghost working in us and through us.

Speaking of the future church, (us today), Isaiah boldly stated in **Isaiah 8:18**: "Behold, **I AND THE CHILDREN** whom the Lord hath given me **ARE FOR SIGNS AND WONDERS** in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells **IN** Mt Zion" (Mount Zion is the church) see Hebrews 12:22)

Jesus said, in **Mark 16:17-18**: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

The power of the Spirit of God is available to every born again believer!

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:39: "You shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you. For the promise is unto you, and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

1 Corinthians 12:1 states, "now concerning spiritual *gifts,* brethren, I would not have you ignorant (lacking knowledge and understanding"

But in the original Greek the word "gifts" does not appear. The literal translation is actually "spirituals" and it refers to "things of and pertaining to the spirit." Therefore it should read like this:

"Now concerning things of and pertaining to the spirit, brothers and sisters, I would not have you ignorant (lacking knowledge and understanding."

Today, many Christians have little knowledge and are ignorant of the "things of the spirit", which is why so many in the Body of Christ have little or no power to overcome even the smallest of trials that come against us.

Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge."

We must know God's will, and RECEIVE it.:

James1:19: ...humbly RECEIVE the word" not just hear it, but HEAR AND RECEIVE it.

Mark 4:24: "Consider carefully what you hear; with the measure you use, it will be measured to you and even more." How much do you believe the Word of God? With what measure are you using the power given you? Or how much do you hold the traditions and doctrines of men rather than the Word of God? The power comes when we believe and act upon the word - what God has said, not what men say. We need to not take the traditions and doctrines of men, but what the Word of God says.

Study about the Spirit of God, and believe what God says about the power that is given to you. Whatever you believe and to what degree you believe it, and how much you ACT on it, is the results you will have.

Do you believe the Word you hear and read? Have you received it? then you must **ACT** on it. Then you will have it. We need to come as a child and believe what God says in His word.

Believe what the Word says, and then ACT on it. Don't doubt the word; simply believe and you will see results.

We must be immersed in the Holy Spirit. not just hearing about it.

In **Luke 4:1-2**: "Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit...

We must be **immersed** in the Holy Spirit,. not just born again and **knowing about** the Holy Spirit. We must be **filled**.

Anointed with power and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Get born again, and receive the Holy Spirit, but get the <u>POWER</u> to do what Jesus calls us to do. Everything the Lord does through us and in us is by the Holy Spirit. It's not by our might, but by His Spirit and received by us through faith.

We have the power to pray effectively. How? Through the Spirit.

Romans 8:26: ...the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (speak in an unknown language.) And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1 Corinthians 14:14: For if I pray in aa tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind..."

We are supposed to be led by the Spirit of God, not our circumstances.